LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN SHREVEPORT

# LSU-S Clubs Sponsor Entries in Local Contest

Representatives from eight campus organizations voted last Monday night to enter a contestant in the Miss Shreveport Pageant, Feb. 19.

The Miss Shreveport Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary, is open to any girl wishing to compete, who meets the following requirements: must be single and never have been married or had a marriage annulled; must be a high school graduate by Labor Day, 1972; must be at east 18 years old by Labor Day nor more than 28 years old by Labor Day; must be of good moral character-not have been convicted of any crimes; shall possess talent, poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure; must not have been a previous state finalist who competed in the national finals; must possess and present talent in a not more than three minute talent routine, which must be live-no motion pictures film; must display talent in singing, dancing, playing an instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, etc., or a three minute talk; and must be a resident of Shreveport for six months or a student in Shreveport for six months.

Educational scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 are available to the winners. Some \$500 in other gifts will also be awarded.

Any club or organization that wishes more information, may contact Mrs. Lurline Dark, counselor's office.

# **Brown Named To State Board**

Mrs. Shirley Brown, assistant professor and chairman of the Foreign Language Department, has been appointed to the Academic Advisory Board of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, by Governor John J. McKeithen.

McKeithen said in a letter to Mrs. Brown, "As you know, this administration and the legislature strongly advocate the preservation and expansion of the French language in Louisiana. An ever-shrinking world poses the necessity for increased communication with its peoples, and Louisiana's French background puts it in a pre-eminent position to take the leadership in bilingualism in this country.

"The program which has been undertaken to maintain the French language is basically an educational one. During the last three years CODOFIL has created the momentum needed to accomplish this worthwhile and beneficial endeavor.

"I feel confident that with the concerted efforts of all its educators the state of Louisiana will make farreaching strides toward its goal of establishing bilingualism among its inhabitants."

COMPLEMENTING THE NEW MALL are recently elected DOM sponsors and faculty advisor. Seated (from left) are Ida Kuun, Nancy Coats, Kathy Smith, Barbara Nichols and Jean Crites. Standing is Mrs. Loretta Gilliam, English instructor. Photo by Larry Hilton

# Last LPA Meet Today

The final session of the Louisiana Psychological Association was held Friday morning in the Lake Room of the Captain Shreve Hotel, according to Dr. George Kemp, professor of psychology at LSU-S.

Kemp, past president of the association is the organization's program committee chairman and representative to the Council of American Psychological Association.

Highlighting the morning's session, Dr. John Ora, professor of psychology at the John F. Kennedy Center for Research in Education and Human Development at Peabody College spoke about "An Innovative Intervention Program for Young Children."

Also on the agenda was an acceptance address by the incoming president, Dr. Felicia Pryor from LSU-Baton Rouge, and election of officers.

The opening of the convention was held Wednesday in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

Psychology clubs of LSU-S and Centenary College have provided housing for the visiting students from Louisiana.



SHIRLEY BROWN

## Circle K Runs For the Money

Circle K's newly elected officers have two projects in the making.

Danny Runyan was elected president, Bob Nossaman, vice president; Clayton Williamson, treasurer; and Larry Cunningham, secretary.

#### Arthritis Foundation

According to Runyan, Circle K's most important project to date is raising \$1,750 for the Arthritis Foundation.

"Members and anyone who wishes to help will run from 35 miles east of Shreveport to a point halfway to Ruston for donations of \$50 per mile," said Runyan.

#### Other Schools

"Other North Louisiana schools will participate in the project by running a triangle from Shreveport to Monroe to Alexandria," Runyan added.

Runyan said prospective members and sweethearts are cordially invited to the next club meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. in S-118.



WHAT FIRE?
Photo by Bush

# City Council Records Given to LSU-S Library

Records of the Shreveport City Council from 1839 through 1970 will soon be available to the public in the libraries of LSU-S, LSU-Baton and possibly Centenary College.

City Secretary-Treasurer Jere Daye said the microfilmed city council records will be turned over to LSU in the near future for copying. Malcolm Parker, librarian at LSU-S, said he hoped to have the records available to students and the general public by Nov. 15.

Parker and Daye said the records should be of great value to students, particularly political science majors. Daye said it would give the students a closer representation of what government actually is. He added that the value of the records in the university libraries would increase as more and more students are entering the field of government.

## Library Shows Base Display

The Barksdale Air Force Base Arts and Crafts Department is presenting an exhibit in the LSU-S Library through Nov. 5, Mrs. Dorcas McCormick, LSU-S senior librarian, has announced.

Director of the exhibit is Mrs. Victoria Morell who was previously with the Shreveport Recreation Department. For many years she created institutional displays throughout the area, as a free-lance display artist, and has studied art and ceramics under a number of widely known artists.

#### Military Personnel

The exhibit will include oils, watercolors, acrylics, ceramics, lapidary (jewelry) and papier mache. All the work is done by military personnel and their families.

Special art classes are taught at the base by Mrs. Morell, members of her staff, and local retired artists. Ray K. Cadle, 2AF staff arts and crafts director, has taught special workshops, introducing many techniques and art forms.

#### Wives Club

The Barksdale Officers Wives Club, known as the Palette Pilots, are taught by Miss Betty Friedenberg, well-known Shreveport artist.

"Many retiring from the service, as a result of this hobby have gone into commercial art fields, notably interior decoration, teaching, ceramic engineering, redesigning and renovation slum areas, recreation and rehabilitation work, ceramic shops, pottery and painting," Mrs. Morell said.

The Barksdale show will replace the current woodcut prints of Mrs. Karl Wolfe.

An LSU-S Biology Club exhibit will be replaced Oct. 25 by David Middleton's pottery display.

## Almagest, SGA Hold Election

The Student Government Association and the Almagest will sponsor a mock election Thursday and Friday of next week. The results of this election will be printed in the next issue of the Almagest. The ballots will be placed at the information desk in the Science Building where the voting will take place. Below is a sample ballot of the Democratic primary as taken from a PAR booklet.

C. C. "Taddy" Aycock	
Samuel Bell, Sr.	3
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David L. Chandler	
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Edwin W. Edwards	
J. Bennett Johnston	
Gillis W. Long	
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James W. Moore	1
Frank T. Salter, Jr.	1
John G. Schwegmann	1
James R. Strain	1
A. Roswell Thompson	1
Wilford L. Thompson, Sr.	1
Shady R Wall	1

Another mock election will be held before the general election.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 31, Friday, Oct. 22, Mock Election, Information Desk, Science Building

Thursday, Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m.,
Distinguished Lecturers Committee

Dr. H. J. Sachs, English Dept., La Tech.

Thursday, Nov. 4, KCIJ 2:05 p.m., Dr. John Hall and Hubert Humphries, Red River Raft.

# Rip-Off at Bookstore

Several students have come to me complaining about the LSU-S Bookstore policy. The two main gripes were the 75 per cent return rule and the big rip-off at the store.

I recently visited with the operator of the University-owned facility and discussed the problem. I. V. Dark, bookstore manager, was most cooperative and referred me to Dr. A. J. Howell, assistant dean for financial affairs. After I explained the complaints, Dr. Howell and I discussed some possible solutions and the operation of the bookstore.

Sorry, but there is no rip-off at the bookstore! The facility is not in business to make money. It merely tries to break even at the end of each year. The employees (other than student help) are civil service workers. No matter how much money the bookstore makes, their salaries are not affected — no profit motive.

The following explanation of the bookstore's operations was provided by Howell and Dark. The store buys books from the publisher for list price minus 20 per cent. The books are then sold to the students for list price.

However, out of that 20 per cent, the University must pay shipping and handling charges, which according to Howell, range, on the average, from 5 to 10 per cent of the list price. That cuts the bookstore's profit down to 10 or 15 per cent.

That's not so bad, except the bookstore must take all losses on books that go out of print. If the bookstore gets caught with 10 books that cost \$8 a piece, it must recoup that \$80 loss from profits on other book sales.

Let's examine a hypothetical case. If the list price on a book is \$10 and the bookstore is allowed a 20 per cent discount by the publisher that book costs the store \$8. The mark-up on that text is then \$2 if it is sold for list price. Now, if shipping and handling costs 10 per cent, depending on the mode of transportation, the bookstore must pay that out of its discount, leaving a mark-up of one-half of 20 per cent or \$1. Not much profit there if one gets caught with many out-of-print copies.

This still does not justify the 75 per cent return policy. After I discussed the problem with Howell the following policy was adopted:

1. 100 per cent refund on books purchased for a course which is cancelled by LSU-Shreveport,

100 per cent refund on new books returned,
 50 per cent refund on used books returned,
 providing the following conditions are met:

A. This return must be made on or before the last day for adding or dropping a course, as designated by the Registrar's Office.

B. New books returned must not have been written in or damaged in any way.

C. Persons returning books must present ID card and cash register receipt.

3. There are no refunds on the purchase of non-required books, whether paperback or hardback.

A copy of this policy will be given to each student leaving the bookstore at the beginning of each semester. Copies should be available in the bookstore soon or one may keep this article for reference.

The administration has been most fair in adopting this new policy and a word of thanks is in order. Hats-off, my friend!

Steve Primos
 SGA President

#### **Announcement**

The Almagest... accepts all letters to the editor for possible publication. In general, the letters must be signed and in good taste if serious consideration is expected. We welcome constructive remarks but have no time for the inane.

#### MORE NOISE

The ALMAGEST is trying to institute a "hotline" column. Any and all questions (within reason) will be answered in each issue. All questions and/or letters should be addressed to the editor and left at the information desk in the Science Bldg.



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### SGA News

The Student Government Association sponsored a free B.Y.O.L. dance, featuring GOLD RUSH, Saturday night, at the Fireman's Club on Cross Lake, according to Steve Primos, SGA president.

"The doors opened at 7:30 and closed at midnight with free set-ups for all," said Primos.

Primos added, "The success of this first dance has a direct bearing on the functions planned for the rest of the year."

Dr. Kenneth Purdy, assistant dean for student affairs, and Dr. A. J. Howell, assistant dean for financial affairs, have expressed concern about the problems coke bottles are causing on campus.

According to Purdy and Howell, canned cokes will replace the bottles if the bottles keep showing up all over the campus and keep disappearing or breaking.

"It is each student's responsibility to see that his or her bottle is placed in the proper rack. If the student body does not police its own bottles and trash, the University will have to replace the bottles and hire some one to clean up the trash. That money could be put to much better use than garbage collection," said Primos.

Howell said the University is trying to get a pay phone and bulletin board for the "shack."

## Get Up! You're Killing the Grass

Louisiana State University's football Tigers are facing one of their toughest seasons ever this year. Since the team is composed mostly of sophomores, losses will occur, as will cries for the scalp of Charles McClendon, Tiger head football coach.

As Charlie Mac is well aware, these next three months will be times to try the soul of the mob which inhabits Tiger Stadium during the season of the gladiators. The buffalo herd from Colorado stampeded our Tigers in the season opener. The faithful can expect their lambs to be led to at least two more slaughters this year (at the hands of Alabama and Notre Dame), and three losses in a single season mean trouble in Tigertown.

Charlie Mac has seen his effigy swinging from lamp posts and dormitory windows before. He has also heard the misguided demands that he resign or be replaced. He will witness such occurrences again in 1971. But make no mistake, Tiger fans. Charlie is an honorable, and forgiving man. He is also among the finest football coaches in the nation. Given sufficient cause to seek greener pastures, he has chosen to remain the circus master in Baton Rouge.

As a testimonial to his prowess as a coach, consider that he was one of three coaches mentioned as possible successors to Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama, when the "Bear" indicated he might vacate the coaching job in order to devote full time to his duties as athletic director.

Charlie Mac is quite fond of his profession, his team, and Louisiana, not necessarily in that order. He also appreciates the Tiger fans and will do his utmost to see that they are not disappointed.

We, the fans, owe him the same admiration and appreciation. He faces a long season, one that may prove bewildering. Stick by him and the Tigers, as he has stuck by us. Praise and kind words certainly will be appreciated, whereas effigies and epithets may make those greener pastures much more attractive.

-George Lawrence



# The Independence of Liberation

There are various movements in our country for "liberation." This term seems unrelated to a free society dedicated by a bill of rights to liberty. But liberation or liberty eludes definition out of context. Certain aspects of the feminist movement receive ready acceptance and are given force in the laws of our land. Discrimination in employment is one of our more recent additions legally acted on and the franchise, or right to vote, one of the earliest.

Other liberation groups would reduce the structure of our society to attain what appears desirable. The affluence provided by successful endeavor is sought without the sacrifice of effort.

The color television becomes a must with items such as home ownership, automobiles, and power boats with their attending recreational forms. All the benefits of our society are presented through the public medium of advertising, and with credit, all are obtainable.

The rush for "liberation" from personal limitations has set many individuals in opposition to one another. Sibling rivalry was earlier recognized as a natural state of development with children seeking security, recognition and other responses for self-expression.

Somewhere the concept of the whole gets lost, and like a vine the weaving tendrils on the uppermost reaches lose relation-

ship to the root that feeds them.

While each provides independent necessary values to the vine, those parts basking in the sun must constantly value the root and soil providing sustenance. Likewise the root would have no expression without the outreach of its vine.

Liberty therefore becomes a system of responsibility, one to the other. Limitation of life expressions can result only in a limitation of life itself. Liberation thus becomes a personal thing in the recognition of one's value and contribution to the whole.

-Earle Landry

## Name-Callers Cornered

By nature, people are name-callers. The idea is to give everyone a place in society by identifying him with a group. The alternative is to not exist at all.

But, name-calling is a distinguished art that has its set of guidelines like any other art. So, external marks, traits, and reactions have been made.

For example, there is one case of mistaken identity driving through Shreveport in a white van. The "mistake" has long, stringy hair, wears granny glasses, sings to herself, and by nature is a girl. (Some dispute the point.)

The symbols, unkempt hair and granny glasses, are the obvious trademarks of a hippie. And, of course, hippies are known to drive vans and talk to themselves.

So with the symbols and name agreed upon, the reaction is next-stare! And stare at her people do.

It is bad enough to be identified as something you are not or pretend to be. Loss of identity is not an unpainful loss. But there is hope. The rules of name-calling have been discovered and overcome by some of the more ingenious of the crowd. There are plenty of shorn "hips" living in Shreveport, just as there are quite a few "straights" curling their longish locks.

Perhaps now, name-callers will be a bit more sensitive to words and stop pigeon-holing people. No one knows how long this costume party will last, but it can't end too soon. It is time people settled for just being themselves.

-Karla Butler

# A Sporting Chance

I had just walked from the woods and had begun to remove my camouflaged jacket, when a gold Cadillac pulled over and stopped on the side of the road. As I set my bow and quiver on top of my car, a lady emerged from the other auto and stormed over to me.

Immediately I figured I had been hunting on someone's private property — not a chance! Before I could say hello, she began to eat me out for hunting poor, defenseless animals with that parbaric weapon. Obviously a conservation nut, she continued with her sermon until I became bored and told her what she could do

with her opinion and car.

Why people insist on labeling hunters, "murderers," is a mystery to me. Who pays more money (as average citizens) for conservation than sportsmen? No one! Every license bought for hunting and fishing in Louisiana adds money to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The money donated to conservation research by arms manufacturers and sporting magazines is from profits provided by hunters.

Outdoorsmen are more seriously interested in conservation than most people. Preservation of wildlife and forests is a prime

interest to those who enjoy them most.

Back to the murderer with the bow. How someone could call a bowhunter a murderer is beyond reason. No group of hunters spend more time studying their "prey," as some would have it, than archers. When one must get within 30 yards of his target to insure a good kill one must know every habit and characteristic of the animal.

Respect for game animals grows out of the hunter's knowledge of the animal's life and habits. What hunter has ever matched wits with a crafty whitetail deer and never lost? One is indeed lucky

to bag one with a bow.

Every time a bowman releases an arrow, he must be prepared to track the animal until it is found. Few gun-hunters acquire the skills of tracking the good archer must possess to even begin a successful hunt. How many gun-hunters each year shoot at deer 100 or 200 yards away and never follow up if the deer doesn't fall on the spot?

As for cruelty, pain is pain, whether from an arrow or a bullet. Admittedly one may be a bit quicker than the other, but only if the shot is well placed. In either case the animal will expire.

Hunters are not going to kill all the deer. Deer seem to thrive in spite of man. There are more deer in the United States today than when Christopher Columbus discovered America. In 1930 there were approximately 3.7 million deer, in 1970 there were approximately 16 million deer in the United States, according to biological research. Thousands of deer, each year, starve from over-population. Hunting helps to solve this problem in many areas. This is not to say that some sections of the country are not over hunted.

In the future, I hope no one stops me along the way and spoils an unsuccessful but otherwise satisfying afternoon.

-Steve Primos

Cultural Shot

in the Arm!

"As the heart of the Ark-La-Tex,

Shreveport is the major artery of

entertainment from a cultural, tourist and just plain entertaining stand-

point," was a statement made in a documentation prepared by the

Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

I could easily understand the "tour-

ist standpoint" because State Fair

time is here again and everyone visiting the fair knows that thousands of

tourists attend each year. Louisiana's

State Exhibit Museum, the Shreveport

Planetarium, and Holiday in Dixie also are tourist attractions. I can, and

feel sure that all students at one time

in elementary or junior high school

remember taking a class trip to one

From the "just plain entertaining

But, the main point which bothered

me was that "cultural standpoint."

I have lived here for 19 years in "the

main artery of entertainment from a

cultural standpoint" and have taken

little advantage of these cultural op-

portunities made so readily available.

I have never visited the Little

Theatre, which ranks third in the

nation, Marjorie Lyons Playhouse,

Shreveport Symphony, or even the

lack of an excuse. Reduced prices

are even offered to students. I guess

I cannot be one to complain about

living in an uncultured world until

I expose myself to these cultured

The sad part of missing them is the

Norton Art Museum.

aspects of life.

standpoint" Shreveporters are provid-

ed with nine motion picture theatres,

which seem to justify this point.

or all these places.

## End the Hayride

With the upcoming state elections, we of Louisiana are once again given the chance to shape our future by the power of the ballot. We are given a variety of candidates for the various state offices, from which we must choose the man we think is best qualified for that particular office.

This election, more than any in the past, is critical to the future of our state. Whether or not our state government continues as it is (full of graft and corruption, with the public quickly losing faith in our public officials), will be decided by we the people.

In the governors' race we have a wide choice of candidates representing the entire political spectrum, from liberal to conservative and from black to white. There are 20 candidates from which we may choose. There are the old pros: Jimmie Davis, Gillis Long, Taddy Aycock and Speedy Long, who have shown in the past where their true interests lie, and the people should judge accordingly. There is the new breed: Bennett Johnston, Edwin Edwards and Frank Salter, all of whom are young, bright, honest, and genuinely interested in the state and its future, and not just what they can pilfer from the state treasury.

"It's time to end the hayride in Louisiana," as Bennett Johnston says. Let's stand up on our own two feet and declare our right to clean government. Let's make Louisiana a good place to live again. If we don't, we deserve what we get.

- Pam Parrish

## Murray Elected DOM President

Delta Omnicron Mu, LSU-S veterans' fraternity, has elected David Murray president of the Board for the 1971-72 academic year, according to Don Smith, faculty advisor.

Other officers elected are Rod Owen, parliamentarian; Larry Hilton, secretary; Bob Pennington, treasurer and Mike Byrd, sergeant at arms.

Coed sponsors chosen by the members are Kathy Smith, Ida Kuun, Jean Crites, Nancy Coats and Barbara Nichols.

Other faculty sponsors include Dr. Gary Brashier, assistant dean for academic affairs, and Mrs. Loretta Gilliam, English instructor.

## Sigma Alpha Donates Help

Sigma Alpha, as a part of its service to the community, has recently initiated a volunteer program in which 30 members are giving 60 hours a week (total) as assistant speech pathologists, special education teachers, and language clinicians at Caddo School for Exceptional Children, in the Bossier Learning Disability program, the Veterans' Administration Hospital and the Southfield Elementary "Bit of Help" program, according to Pam Cook, SA treasurer.

Mrs. Joan Harrington, SA sponsor, is also volunteering her service as a consultant and supervisor in the "Bit of Help" program.

SA volunteers are Patricia Powell, Phyllis Johnson, Lane Rice, Mark Warren, Gloria McGee, Delores Rounds, Jerry Whisenhunt, Delores Alford, Janet Parker, Diana Mabry, Linda Waters, Monica Otto, Patricia Martin, Jane Tullos, Ida Kuun, Helen Pepper, Joy Nell Koch, Dorla Collins, Susan Murdock, Christine Harville, Renee Baudier, Linda Bock, Judy Rozier, Vickie Reeves, Pam Cook, Mona Rogers, Mary Ann Butler and Deborah Betts.

# Civil Rights Reviewed

Whenever one listens to the radio, watches television, or attends a demonstration, he is exposed to the theory of civil rights. The theme is prevalent in all of America. Everyone seems to be concerned about the welfare of his civil rights.

There are civil rights for racial groups, religious groups, minority groups, and political groups. Everyone is so involved with attaining these rights that they are ignoring human rights. What is best for a chosen few has rarely been best for an entire population.

Why then have the American Government and the American people been so involved in the pursuit of civil rights? Why has the focus been placed on "MY RIGHTS" instead of "EVERYONE'S RIGHTS?" What is wrong with a society that places the rights of a minority over the rights of the majority?

The answer to the question of how to obtain human rights seems to be in the placement of men into the government who reflect the idea of human rights. But who in the politics of today fits that qualification—no one. The ballot of human rights is blank. Any man running for an office declares himself in support of one civil rights action or another.

The apathy of the American people has constantly been criticized, but the apathy for human rights seems to have been ignored. The main people having this apathy for human rights are advocates of civil rights. For they care not if a man is human but only if he is of a particular race, color or creed.

So until America awakes to this problem of human rights, she remains a place of apathy—apathy for human rights.

-Penny Ambrose

## **BSU Offers New Activities**

The Baptist Student Union across from Centenary College is now offering ecumenical activities that are open to young people from all over the city, according to BSU secretary, Charlotte McKinnon.

A Centenary Bible Study is offered from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. A snack supper accompanies the talk period.

Another activity, the Coffee House "Quarter Burger," is held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. A musical group provides entertainment for the evening followed by a hamburger dinner costing a quarter. Then "share group" is formed and the participants share any problem or idea with each other for discussion! A prayer session ends the program.

Both activities are at the BSU at 2907 Woodlawn St.

The BSU building is open for student use from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

# **Business Club** to Host Zeidman

A fish fry was held recently for members, prospective members and faculty sponsors of Beta Chi, Campus Business Club.

The fry was held to allow those attending to get acquainted with other Business Club members and discuss plans for the year.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday night, Oct. 26. Guest speaker will be Irving Zeidman, who starred in the recent production of "Fiddler on the Roof" at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse.

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- Ron McFerrin

# VD Soars To Pandemic Proportions; Teenagers Account for Highest Rate

Through the ages, mankind has been plagued by veneral disease which knows neither social nor geographic barriers.

Probably the most famous syphilitic was Henry VIII, who contacted the disease from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Even Columbus and his men have been blamed for bringing the disease to the New World.

As of late, the rise in veneral disease has soared to pandemic proportions equal only to the eras after World Wars I and II.

Veneral disease is any disease spread by sexual contact, with the most common being gonorrhea and

Some 21/2 million cases of veneral disease were reported during 1970, with gonorrhea in excess of 1,700,000 cases and syphilis in excess of 70-80,000 cases.

The VD epidemic after World War II resulted in 400,639 reported cases or about 284.2 persons per 100,000 population. The 1970 case rate was 285.2 persons per 100,000. However, about 55 percent of the cases are concentrated in 45 cities with populations over 500,000. Some 65 per cent of all gonorrhea infection was reported by 86 cities with only 261/2 per cent of the population.

#### Great Masquerader

In medicine, syphilis is called the great imitator, because it masquerades as almost any other condition.

Syphilis is caused by a tiny germ called a spirochete, or Treponema pallidum, which enters the body through sexual contact. A sore or chancre, usually appears at this point of contact some 10-90 days after

Symptoms of primary syphilis are nervousness, anemia, fever and weight

Secondary syphilis produces a flulike feeling along with a skin rash over the entire body; flat or slightly raised areas on the mucus membranes of the sex organs; general swelling of the lymph glands; sore throat; fever; and occasional bald spots over the scalp. These symptoms appear in two to three weeks and then disappear without treatment; however, the disease is untreated and remains.

The third stage involves the brain and spinal cord or heart and blood vessels. These symptoms may appear immediately but usually lie dormant for 2-10 years. Then, they reappear as very serious destructive changes in the brain, spinal cord, heart or blood

#### Third-stage

Treatment is still necessary, but the damage is severe, incapacitating and often fatal. People who die of syphilis, die of third-stage syphilis.

Congenital syphilis is transmitted from the infected mother to her unborn infant. If the mother's disease is not cured before the fetus is 18 weeks old, the baby is then infected by the treponeme which will cross the placenta (afterbirth) and infect the baby.

However, the penicillin treatment usually given for syphilis can cross the placenta and cure the infected baby after the 18th week.

A woman infected late in pregnancy may show no signs of syphilis during pregnancy; her fetus may also appear normal. Contacting syphilis in late pregnancy usually results in stillbirth rather than abortion; however, contacting syphilis in early pregnancy results in miscarriage.

Babies affected by syphilis may be blind, deaf or have pegged or notched nerve deafness and cannot be helped other groups. by hearing aids.

#### Delicate Surgery

In blindness, the cornea of the eye requires delicate surgery for correction.

There are also numerous other diseases which involve any of the body's organs. If the baby is born with a discharge from his nose, and has syphilis, he is capable of infecting

Only 44 states, including Louisiana, require all women to have a routine serologic test-DRL or Kolmer blood tests. Nevertheless, there were nearly 2,000 cases of congenital syphilis last year in the U.S.

Gonorrhea is caused by the Neisseria gonorroeae or gonococcus which attacts the mucus membranes of the sex organs, producing inflammation and pus discharge in both males and

In adults, the disease is contacted through intimate contact, with symptoms appearing in about three weeks. Gonorrhea can clear up without treatment; however, the disease is highly contagious and can spread up the mucus membranes and through the reproductive organs, causing sterility in both men and women.

If unchecked, gonorrhea can also affect the bladder and kidneys. Painful arthritis may also result after inflammation of the joints.

#### The Heart

Peritonitus or meningitis may occur and even death if the gonocci enter the heart.

Also an infected mother may infect her baby's eyes during the birth process; however, silver nitrate is now used in newborn's eyes immediately after birth to prevent blindness.

If the mother has untreated gonorrhea, she may infect her baby by handling him.

In 1970, about 2 million cases of gonorrhea were treated, but, according to the U.S. Public Health Service, in the 20-24 age group, one out of every 20-active females may be suffering from gonorrhea unaware.

New problems have arisen in the treatment of veneral disease.

Gonorrhea is undergoing rapid changes; the gonorrhea coccus is becoming increasingly resistant to penicillin-the choice agent for treatment. Tetracycline, the second choice, is also showing signs of resistance, and in the western part of the United States, there is more resistance than in the

#### State Health Officer

Dr. Andrew Hedmeg, state health officer in Louisiana, said that for the first six months of 1970, 10,449 cases of gonorrhea had been reported. For the same period in 1969, 8,905 cases were reported. About 12,000 cases have been reported for the same period in 1971.

Up to June 1, 1971, syphilis has produced 1866 cases in Louisiana. This same period last year revealed 2.095 cases.

Gonorrhea is rising 15 per cent a year, and syphilis is rising 8 per cent a year in the United States, according to the U.S. Public Health Service Control.

Veneral disease is most common between the ages of 15 and 24, with one teen-ager per minute infected. This far surpasses the rate of infection of professional prostitutes.

Prostitutes only account for from 5 to 10 per cent of the new cases of syphilis and gonorrhea.

The VD rate in the 20-24 age group is five times the rate of all age groups. The next highest group are

#### Private Physician

Seemingly, the key to control and eradication of VD is the private physician, who is required by law to report any case of veneral disease to the Health Department.

Working for the Health Department are investigators or epidemiologists, who deal in the study of disease.

The work of the investigators involves interviewing the infected person in which he is asked about his contacts. This interview is confidential, and the infected person is contacted discreetly by telephone or at home or in the family doctor's office. The infected person is asked to reveal all his contacts, so they in turn can be contacted for blood tests.

If any of the contacts are promiscuous and infected, they may pass the disease on to many other contacts, and may even reinfect the patient himself.

Usually, a person with VD doesn't give the names of all his contacts on the first interview; therefore, he must be reinterviewed, thus revealing more

#### Dormant Stage

If a contact of an infected person is negative when tested, preventive medication is given. The disease may be in a dormant stage and will give negative test results, clinically and serologically. An exposed person can be a carrier even though his blood tests are negative.

Monte D. Meador, epidemiologist at the Caddo VD Clinic said, "Epidemiologists consider one case of veneral disease an epidemic, because it exists and is spread only through intimate

Investigators in one state found that one teen-age girl had been responsible for 141 cases. Each VD case or contact, on the average, has contacted four additional people.

After the first case is found, the investigator is the most important person, according to Meador.

Since 1968, Shreveport has had the highest rate of primary and secondary syphilis in the nation, with 92.1 cases per 100,000 population reported for 1970. This is almost 12 times higher than one-half of all the cities.

#### Case Finding

The difference in cases reported relates directly to case finding and available public clinics.

However, the hush-hush attitude toward VD is slowly disappearing, resulting in more public awareness and education.

Students graduating from high school are more informed about VD than recent college graduates who had been given no VD information while in high school. Replies to the Joint Statement questionnaire by the American Social Health Association revealed that 66 per cent of the high schools included VD information in their curriculums. In 49 states, 58 per cent of the colleges and universities with teacher training programs included VD education in their curriculum.

"In this area, at one time, we had a VD Program in all junior and senior high schools," said Meador.

'Now, we try to get into all the schools, but we still need a total program in the community.'

In addition, social, religious and civic organizations are helping in the tremendous task of VA awareness.

#### Teacher Workshop

Locally, a teacher workshop is held in order to educate teachers about VD. Films and other free materials are at the teacher's disposal to use

Speaks Out

Cooperation from various groups

also helps in the fight against VD:

neighborhood youth center projects;

parish-city jail surveillance; physician

seminar at the Confederate Memorial

Medical Center; and college classes

at Centenary, Northwestern, LSU-S,

Southern and the Northwestern School

However, Meador said that one

hindrance to VD control is the negli-

gence of doctors not only locally, but

all over the United States, to report

In Louisiana, there are nine VD

clinics. The Shreveport VD Clinic

in the Caddo-Shreveport Health Unit

serves seven parishes: Caddo, Bossier,

Webster, Bienville, Claiborne, De Soto

Clinic at noon on Tuesdays and Fri-

days. About 45 people are seen each

time for blood tests and treatment,

usually for gonorrhea. According to

Meador, many patients return two or

In Louisiana, both premarital and

prenatal blood tests for syphilis are

required. Blood tests are also re-

quired for people desiring welfare,

those working in school kitchens, etc.

Federal Leadership

ments work together for VD control,

with states and local communities

receiving grants from the federal gov-

ernment. Federal leadership is exerted

through the Veneral Disease Board

of the Center for Disease Control,

Public Health Service. For the last

two years, financial cutbacks and

lack of professional manpower have

limited the work of CDC. In addition,

no state has an effective VD control

plan within the state health program.

to be in the distant future; therefore,

detailed planning is most vital at city

and local community levels.

Seemingly, vaccine for VD appears

Federal, state and local govern-

three times because of reinfection.

The Health Clinic holds a VD

and Red River.

By DON HAMMETT

Corruption

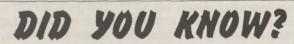
The conquest of the government was very successful really. I couldn't fail. The ignorant, arrogant people of this land made it very easy.

Oh, the young people of each new generation give me trouble at first, but I manage to beat down their will. I must say that the young of this generation have given me a great deal of trouble, but I fixed them with drugs and a good look at their government. Some of them actually rose up and tried to defeat me. But they needed the support of the older generation, and this they did not have. What strikes me as particularly amusing is that people refuse to stand together to defeat me. They fight with each other, and I just stand by and watch.

The politicians are my easiest conquests. At first they turn their backs on me, but they can not escape. To my regret, some continue to run from me, but they cannot escape. To my regret, some continue to run from me, but their number is few, and I will get them one day. You see, their political aims pull them from the interest of their people, to their own selfish interest. One by one they turn to me for help. With each favor I do for them, they fall in deeper and deeper until they become completely dependent on me.

If you haven't guessed by now, I am called CORRUPTION. You can turn your back on me, or you can continue to fight me but you can't

The second nine weeks of Books and Libraries will begin Monday, Oct. 25 for Sections 21, 22 and 23; and Tuesday, Oct. 26 for Sections 24 and 25.







COMPLEMENTING THE BEAUTY of the R. S. Barnwell Memorial Garden and the LSU-S campus is Vickie Reeves, the ALMAGEST "Girl of the Month." Vickie is a graduate of Woodlawn High School and is attending her second year here. After she finishes another year here, she plans to go to Northwestern State University, where she will complete her major in special education. Vickie enjoys children, volunteer work, puppies and old houses. Her hobbies are hunting, traveling and cooking.

# Veterans Administration Updates Methods, Programs By TWIT BROWN

For a large number of veterans returning from Vietnam, home will become one of the 157 Veterans Administrations Hospitals throughout the United States and its possessionsand for these soldiers the VA system has gone to great lengths to update their treatment methods and special

On Sept. 1, 1970, a national committee known as the Vietnam Era Veterans Committee, was formed. The purpose of the organization was to identify the human needs and the personal characteristics of men who have fought in Vietnam. The committee frequently presents seminars to orient the staff of all VA facilities toward these veterans.

#### Drug Abuse Program

Also designed to help the exsoldier is the Drug Abuse Program. Twenty-seven hospitals throughout the country have been designated as major drug abuse centers.

VA hospitals having large numbers of Vietnam veterans have established recreation programs designed for the younger veteran. For example the VA Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa presents a weekly pizza supper and rock band.

#### 15 Patients

On Sept. 11, 1970, the Shreveport Veterans Administration Hospital Vietnam Era Veterans Committee was established. Locally, the VA cares for a daily average of 15 patients who have served in Vietnam, according to Gary Touche, public relations director at the hospital here.

As for drug treatment, those needing it are referred to one of the drug centers out of state - although according to rehabilitation field workers at the hospital, these people are accepted for medical aid and not required to transfer.

## Women, Who Can Understand Them? By JAMES WYCOFF

I guess when one considers the great mysteries of our time, the most misunderstood fantasy of all is the nature of women. They are, without a doubt, totally unreal. In my brief but monumental association with these illustrious adversaries, I find myself completely bewildered.

Some are so stubborn that they would tell a lie when the truth would fit better, but others are so "opened minded" that all of their brains dropped out years ago. Such subtle joys as changing their minds three times before they are sure of anything, taking part in endless conversations with infinite vigor, and most of all dumping you when the first trace of an unrefreshing odor crosses their searching noses, leaves one with the feeling that some great unknown power is hidden deep behind their outlandish looks.

This power is guided by intuition, chance and a dab of chemicals who shall remain nameless, mainly because they are. Men, like me, who search for this truth about why women are women, are misguided. The only way for a man to achieve his desired effect on a woman is to be indifferent. When the inevitable problems of sex, money, work and the future arise, remember that any problem is only as great as you make it and surely you cannot please women as much as you can tease them by being detached from the whole situation.

## **Autumn Leaves** Drift Unnoticed

By JUNE DEASON

Autumn is officially here, and, of course, everyone is busy fighting various ailments (colds, writer's cramp, sore throat, football knee) brought on by the change of seasons. Everything needs attention: chemistry, football, car, jobs, absolutely everything!

Through all the problems and immediate necessities, it seems most of the people scurrying about never stop for a few seconds, or perhaps as long as a minute, to enjoy the fantastic color display, sponsored by leaves going on everywhere. Oh, yes, it happens every year, just with an increasingly fewer number of trees. But is it not typical to cherish the rare and beautiful?

Perhaps, just perhaps, this is a matter of personal taste that only sentimental or nostalgic people can appreciate. Some people will never see the unleaving as anything but hours spent with rake in hand, away from Sunday afternoon football. Firemen see leaves as potential uncontrolled fires. But for a few weeks, leaves are in full force, and this is their time to be noticed. So, notice! And appreciate.

## "Shaft" Features All-Black Cast

By DAVID DOUGLAS

"Shaft," a movie that is being shown at the Strand Theater features basically an all-black cast. The setting of the movie is Harlem, New York. The director-actor, Gordon Parks created a dramatic story of drug crime and the Mafia. Richard Rountree who portrays a black detective solicits the help of black militants of Harlem to defeat Mafia control.

Parks was seemingly trying to depict a realistic plot as well as a realistic setting and theme. The musical background provided by Issac Hayes helped to create a "soulful" but pessimistic mood. Because of the too frequent use of profane language, the movie is vulgar in tone. With the exception of a few jerky scenes, the movie was entertaining and provoca-

Parks has great ability as an actor, producer and director and will probably be more successful in future theatrical pursuits.

## James Shelley Writes **Human Interest Column**

By CAROLYN COPPLE

James M. Shelley, who joined the LSU-S faculty this fall as a business administration and management instructor, may be known to some of us for the newspaper column which he writes.

Since his retirement from the Air Force in 1968, Shelley has written a weekly human interest column for The Shreveport Times. The column is entitled "The Military Life" and contains stories about people and events in all branches of the United States military services, including the Coast Guard.

The column is from 500 to 800 words in length and appears in either the Thursday or the Sunday edition of the paper.

#### **Interesting Military People**

According to Shelley, there is much good material in the local area for this type of column. Barksdale Air Force Base and Ft. Polk both provide opportunities to find out about interesting military people or events.

Although he often hears of someone who has had an unusual military experience, Shelley said he has at times studied old newspapers and library microfilms to obtain information and ideas for his articles.

Writing As A Hobby

When asked if he had considered journalism as a career, Shelley replied that he enjoys writing as a hobby. His journalism training consists of a correspondence course in fiction writing and one course in feature writing at Louisiana Tech.

Since he has had such little training in this particular field, the question of how he got the job naturally arose. Shelley said that he merely decided that he would like to do a column about the military, and talked to Raymond L. McDaniel, executive editor of The Shreveport Times. McDaniel promised to consider the idea and soon Shelley began writing his column.

Shelley is currently working on his doctorate degree in business administration, which does not include any journalism courses. Shelley said he might possibly consider journalism as a career sometime in the future, but for the present it will remain a hobby.

# -reida -ashion -orecasts Favorite Fall Frozen Fads By J. CATHERINE HARRINGTON

Hi, Freida Fashion here with a few tips about what to wear on LSU-S campus this fall.

In colder weather the popular "hot Also "in" this year will be tams. is extremely difficult to appear chic when one's legs are turning a deeper hue of purple by the minute.

What about the new cape trend? Here in Shreveport, one freezes in the mornings, but what about the afternoons-they often warm up, and as they do, who wants to lug around a heavy, itchy, cumbersome cape? Not

#### **Hip-Boots**

Boots will also be popular, but will present problems to a few who cannot wear them. Also popular on campus during rainy weather, will be hip-boots. They can really be stunning. Boots should be a requirement for parking in the north lot (the one that is on the other side of the mud

ants" will become "cool pants." It Tams, like the hip-boots, will aid one to safely cross the north forty (acres of mud) to get to the building. If you should bog down, the rescue team will search for "the blue and green tam" or "the yellow tam with red pom-poms on top."

#### Wrinkle Resistant

When purchasing clothes, it is advisable to buy those that are wrinkle resistant. Students, coming to school early to find a good parking place, fall asleep in their cars and if they have wrinkle resistant clothing then it won't appear that one has slept in

With all the possibilities in clothes to wear this year, no one should have any trouble finding something to suit his tastes. Besides, the dean frowns

## Bowling Team Members Wanted

A mixed bowling team is needed to fill the College Bowling League which rolls each Tuesday night at 8:30 at Tebbe's Bowlero East. Although a mixed team (two men and two women) is desired, a team of four men or four women is welcome to enter.

Students, faculty, staff, and spouses are invited to participate. Trophies will be awarded league champions at season's end.

The Summer College League winners were the "Would-U-Believes." Team members were I. V. Dark, LSU-S bookstore manager; Dr. Frank E. Collins, assistant professor of chemistry; and Dr. and Mrs. Gary K. Brashier. Dr. Brashier is assistant dean of academic affairs.

LSU-S defeated Centenary in the Spring League.

Those desiring information may contact Academic Affairs, extension 230, any member, or Tebbe's Bowlero East, telephone 865-2329.

The LSU-S literary magazine, Narcissus, is now accepting any poems, themes, short stories, essays and other creative works of originality for possible publication next spring.

Manuscripts may be submitted to either Narcissus editor, Tommy Atkins or Dr. McBride in Lib. 257.

## **EDWARDS** FOR GOVERNOR Paid for by Young Voters for Edwards

## Flag Competition Teams Proclaim First Victories

Flag football competition has gotten underway at LSU-S. In season-opening games, the Rinky Dinks, SEX and the Tigers were

The Rinky Dinks defeated Un-7 by the score of 6-0, with the game's only touchdown coming on an 18-yard scoring pass from Rinky Dink quarterback Royce Page to receiver Bill

The touchdown came in the second half of a game lacking in offense, but brimming with good defense, according to Rinky Dink captain Rod Owen.

Un-7 quarterbacks Billy Echols and Mark Tyler were sacked several times by Rinky Dink defenders. They also had problems completing the long bomb against a strong Rinky Dink pass defense, Owen said.

#### Bearkats Downed

In another battle of defenses, SEX downed the Bearkats 6-0. The only scoring play of the game was a 40yard touchdown pass from SEX quarterback Roy Bernard to receiver Jack Freeman.

"The Bearkats are one of the best teams I have seen in my three years of flag football competition," said SEX captain Ernie Roberson.

Because of their sluggish offense and bad blocking, SEX plans to revert to its championship style of last year, Roberson said.

#### Redeyes Clawed

In a war of offenses, the Tigers clawed out an 18-13 win over the Redeyes.

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Redeve scoring came on a pass from quarterback Jim Black to team captain Mark Bryan, and a 50-yard scamper by Kenneth Armstrong.

Black's pass to Bryan came on a play in which Bryan went downfield about ten yards, cut to the sidelines, and found the pigskin waiting for him. Black also hit Bryan with another pass to score the extra point.

Armstrong's scoring run came on an end-around play that was identical to the previous play. Armstrong had scored the first time the play had been attempted, but both the run and the score were nullified by a penalty.

Tiger scores came on three pass plays, the first being a toss from quarterback Roger Hale to tight end Frank Leone, which covered 25 yards. The other two were passes of 35 vards each to split end Mike Mawhinney.

#### Lost and Found

Girl's gold ID bracelet by Speidel Numerous umbrellas.

-In Counselor's Office

#### **TENNIS COURT POLICY**

- 1. The one who checks the key out is responsible for the key and must be the one to return it.
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by Rick Mitz

Editor's Note: Rick Mitz writes a weekly syndicated column for college newspapers called "It's the Right Time." It deals with a wide assortment of college-oriented subjects from women's lib and the significance of higher education to going home to visit your parents during vacations and getting a hair cut.

Last year the column had a readership of 957,000 students at 302 colleges in 28 states. This fall, distribution is being expanded to include all colleges in the country.

He is 22 and a senior at the University of Minnesota's experimental college, majoring in journalism. He wrote a column for the Minnesota Daily before entering the Right Time business. His columns will deal with many relevant topics of our generation - trends, changing directions and philosophies. And some irrelevant topics, too.

Rick Mitz is a cross between Peter Pan, Lassie, The Wizard of Oz, Sherlock Holmes, Sancho Panza, and you.

He is full of contradicting anxieties and nervous confusion. During the course of our interview, which lasted more than 21 years, he talked about everything from his college career ("I've majored in everything from journalism, English and humanities to nothing."), his writing experiences ("I'm really very talented, but I can't write."), his personal life ("None of your business.") to his reluctance to be interviewed ("I normally don't let anyone interview me - that's my game - but you look like an honest

Rick, a senior at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, comes from what he terms "a sickeningly affluent suburb" in Milwaukee. He came to Minnesota "because it seemed like the logical place to go after Milwaukee." And where will he go next? "I dunno. Back to Milwaukee."

So, sadly waving good-bye to his high school ("which I hated."), he came to the University of Minnesota where he got involved in student government for a year. Since then, he's been a writer and an editor for the Minnesota Daily and has lived in about five different apartments. "I get bored very quickly - with the same apartment, with the same job, with the same me. I tried to change things a lot so I wouldn't get tired of things. One day I'd wear a black suit and tie - like the day Bert Lahr died and another day I'd wear one of my I get bored with everything fast," he the wind. said, yawning.

"I don't know how to write," he a lot of me.

replies when asked how he manages, once a week, to turn out columns sometimes funny, sometimes touching, sometimes good, sometimes badthat are published in college newspapers all over the country.

"I mean - well, I get an idea and then I let it sit there in my head for a while - anywhere from an hour to forever. And then just before the deadline, I try to write it and usually can't, but I do anyway. Or I don't."

'Hey - why are you asking me all these questions? Are you from the CIA or something? Who are you?"

Not knowing how to answer those questions, I thought it would be best to ask him who he is or was or will be or won't be.

"Who am I? What kind of question is that? I'm whoever you want me to be. I'm sort of a cross between Peter Pan, Lassie, The Wizard of Oz, Sherlock Holmes, Sancho Panza, and You.'

Rick describes himself as the 'typical - normal - average - token-

"I please everyone," Rick says, "My hair's just the right length. My grades are okay. I'm fairly productive. I look kind of clean-cut, and yet manage to look acceptably scruffy. I use deodorant, mouthwash, all the leading brands - the whole bit. I'm pheripheral - I fit into all groups, and yet really don't fit in any. Adults like me. Little kids like me. Radicals think I'm "Right On," conservatives think I'm okay, old ladies think I'm cute, policemen think I'm a credit. Every-

"I don't like you," I told him, "if that makes any difference."

He smiled and looked at me. "Listen," he said. "I write this column, see. And you seem like a pretty interesting guy, you know? Maybe I could interview you sometime for the column. What do you

"Sure. Yeah," I told him. "That would be okay.'

"Great. Listen - I gotta run," he said, writing something on a slip of paper. "Gotta run downtown and buy a tennis sweater. Here's my phone number - call me sometime and we'll arrange something." And then he scooted off.

I looked down at the piece of paper. On it was a phone number my phone number. I looked off in the distance and watched him run after a bus marked "Downtown," his Salvation Army outfits. I change my short legs flying as he ran, his hair underwear at least five times a day. just the Right Length - blowing in

I kind of like him. He reminds me

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